| Location | Reactor Type | Capacity (MWe) |
|---|---|---|
| Kumharia, Haryana | Indigenous Pressurised | 4x700 |
| Bargi, Madhya Pradesh | Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) | 2 x 700 |
| Kudankulam, Tamilnadu | Light Water Reactors (LWRs) | 4x1000 |
| Jaitapur, Maharashtra | based on international cooperation | 6x1650 |
| Chhayamithi Virdi, Gujarat | | 6x1000$ |
| Kowada, Andhra Pradesh | | 6x1000$ |
| Haripur, West Bengal | | 6 x 1000$ |

* Additional potential 2 x 1000 MWe already under construction.

$ Actual capacity will depend on the rating of the reactors selected.

(b) The sites have been chosen from among those offered by various state governments based on their suitability for locating nuclear power plants in accordance with the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board's code for Safety in Siting of nuclear power plants and regulations of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c) and (d) The Government has designated the following sites for setting up LWRs in co-operation with the countries as follows:-Kudankulam and Haripur - Russian Federation Jaitapur - France Chhayamithi Virdhi & Kowada - USA

The reactors and companies involved are VVERs of Atomstroyexport (ASE), Russian Federation, EPRs of AREVA, France, ABWRs of General Electric Hitachi (GEH) & AP-1000 of Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), USA.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) The units are planned to be constructed with a gestation period of about 6 years from first pour of concrete to commercial operation. The planning is to start work on the first set of twin units at these sites by 2012.

**Atomic power units in Rajasthan**

†1527. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had expressed its intention to set up atomic power units at Banswada in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether site has been selected for this;

(c) whether its detailed project has been prepared; and

(d) the time by when the work on Banswada Atomic Power Station would commence?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The potential of site at Banswada, Rajasthan for setting up nuclear power plant in future was evaluated by the Site Selection Committee of the Government. No decision is made regarding this site for setting up of the plant.

(b) to (d) Not applicable.

**Revenue collection**

†1528. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state.

(a) the details of total revenue collected by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the year 2007-08 and 2009-10 so far;

(b) whether it is lesser than the year 2006-07; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) The details of total revenue collected by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in respect of Basic Services, interconnect usage charges (I.U.C.) and Cellular Mobile Telephone Services (CMTS) in the year 2007-08 and 2009-10 (up to September, 2009) are as follows.

| Year | Amount Collected (Rs. in crores) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Basic Services | I.U.C. | CMTS | Total |
| 2007-08 | 15478 | 5001 | 10116 | 30595 |
| 2009-10 (Upto September, 2009) | 6242 | 1425 | 5068 | 12735 |

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The main reason for decline in Revenue since 2006-07, is downward revision of tariff due to competition, surrender of fixed line telephones and migration of customers/traffic to the services of other operators. Therefore, less revenue billed has consequently resulted in lesser recovery compared to the year 2006-07.

The steps taken by BSNL for improving revenue and collections are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Steps taken by BSNL for improving revenue and collections*

(A) Steps initiated for increasing revenue are as under:

(1) Competitive and affordable tariffs for mobile services are being offered. The tariffs are being rationalized for basic services by providing variety of suitable plans.

(2) Various value added services, new services and bundling etc. are being provided.

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